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Early registration is available for PNWA's [2016 Mission to Washington](#) and the [Regional Meetings](#). The 2016 Mission to Washington will be held March 13th-17th at the [Sofitel Hotel](#). The 2016 PNWA Mission to Washington promises to be one of our greatest events! Our highest priority projects and issues are on the agenda for this year's event, including Corps funding, waterways issues, surface transportation reauthorization implementation, the national wheat picture, 2016 political climate and much more! Throughout the program, participants are able to gain valuable insights, share information, and network with key federal agency officials, industry partners and DC insiders. We'll also spend two days on Capitol Hill meeting with the Northwest Congressional delegation. Registration is \$895 if you register before February 19th, after February 19th the rate is \$920. Mark your calendars and [register today!](#)

While visiting our website, you can also register for one of our [2016 Regional Meetings](#). We hope you can join us for a local opportunity to provide updates on your individual projects and to hear the latest from PNWA staff on advocacy efforts in DC and around the region. Your input is critical as we prepare our agenda for the 2016 Mission to Washington. The Regional Meetings are free to all PNWA members and friends, and a boxed lunch will be provided.

PNWA Executive Director participates in WRDA roundtable

On February 2, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's (T&I) Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (WRE) held a roundtable meeting to discuss the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Kristin Meira, PNWA Executive Director, participated in the standing room-only event titled "Building Upon Success: Priorities for the Water Resources

Development Act of 2016". Sixteen Members of Congress, including T&I Chairman Bill Shuster, were present to hear [Kristin's remarks](#) focusing on the importance of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund spending for our deep draft and coastal projects, as well as ensuring that small and donor port needs are addressed in the next bill. Kristin was also able to highlight the regulatory challenges stakeholders face, and the progress we have made in the Northwest working collaboratively to streamline the permitting process.

Other issues discussed at the roundtable included the need for increased stakeholder involvement in WRDA implementation guidance development, and the ongoing funding difficulties as a result of the earmark ban. Both T&I and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) have voiced their desire to move WRDA 2016 forward, and PNWA continues to work with staff to ensure Northwest priorities are included in the bill. For more information, contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

PNWA welcomes new member Ecological Land Services, Inc. (ELS)

We are so pleased to announce [Ecological Land Services, Inc. \(ELS\)](#) has joined PNWA. With offices in Longview, at the Port of Camas-Washougal and the Port of Bremerton, we acquire federal, state, and local permits for port developments and marine projects. Our services include wetland determination, delineation, mitigation and mitigation banking; permitting for dredging, marine terminals, and port facilities maintenance; critical areas studies; biological assessments and evaluations for ESA compliance; habitat inventories and wildlife and botanical surveys; ordinary high water mark determination; shoreline determination and permitting; aquatic surveys; stormwater and erosion control; agricultural oversight and strategic property management; expertise witness for shoreline substantial development and conditional use permits and defense against appeals. Notable recent ELS projects include the Columbia River Carbonates Marine Terminal in Woodland and the Port of Chehalis Regional General Permit #9 for Industrial Development (first of its kind for the Seattle District Army Corps of Engineers).

Within PNWA, the firm will be represented by Francis Naglich who can be reached by email at francis@eco-land.com



